



LIBYA NEWS UPDATE

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UN SECURITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN LIBYA

This week, the Security Council convened an in-person ministerial-level briefing on the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) and on the situation in the country. The high-level meeting was held to solidify and build upon recent gains in the Libyan peace process. These include:



The ceasefire agreement reached in October 2020; the formation of a Government of National Unity (GNU), charged with steering the country towards presidential and parliamentary elections on 24 December; the continuation of confidence-building measures to heal the social fabric of the country; steps towards unifying Libya's state institutions, including the recent finalization of an audit report covering the two branches of the Central Bank and emphasizing the urgent need for their unification; and the launch by the High National Elections Commission (HNEC) of the voter registration update.

GOVERNMENT DISCUSSES DIFFICULTIES OF SOUTHERN MUNICIPALITIES

Prime Minister Dabaiba, accompanied by the ministers for transport and health and the minister for state affairs, held a meeting in Tripoli with the mayors of the municipalities of the southern region. The mayors thanked the prime minister for the recent reforms on local taxes and revenues, as well as allocating 500 million dinars to support local development.



During the meeting, a series of difficulties encountered by the municipalities were discussed, such as Covid-19 vaccines, fuel availability and infrastructure development. Prime Minister Dabaiba stressed the GNU's commitment to address these issues.

PM DABAIBA FORMS HIGH COMMITTEE FOR DISPLACED PERSONS AFFAIRS

Prime Minister Dabaiba directed the formation of the High Committee for Displaced Persons Affairs, headed by the minister of state for displaced persons affairs, Ahmed Aboukhzam.

The committee is tasked with assisting displaced persons and facilitating services for them. The resolution stipulates that the committee shall receive the requests and grievances of displaced persons, examine the difficulties that prevent their return and proceed to overcome them in coordination with the relevant authorities, and support the delivery of health, education and employment services for displaced communities.

